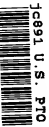


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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/198,658, filed on November 24, 1998, entitled NEURAL NETWORK PROCESSING SYSTEM USING SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORIES, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION  
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW  
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee									\$ 710.00
Total Claims	01	-	20	=	00	x	18	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	01	-	3	=	00	x	80	=	\$ 0.00
Total Filing Fee									\$ 710.00

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3. A check including the amount of \$710.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 2-24 before calculating the Filing Fee.

5. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

--This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/198,658, filed November 24, 1998; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/723,012, filed September 30, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,875,347; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 08/369,163, filed January 4, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,594,916; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 07/938,755, filed September 1, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,426,757; which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 07/634,046, filed December 26, 1990, now U.S. Patent No. 5,165,009.--

6. New drawings are enclosed, forty-two (42) sheets, Figs. 1-25.

7. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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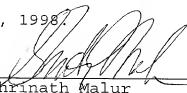
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8. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.
9. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 02-12538, filed January 24, 1990; and  
No. 02-119828, filed May 11, 1990.

The certified priority documents have been filed in parent application Serial No. 07/634,046.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/198,658, as originally filed on November 24, 1998.

  
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